GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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National Policy for Women
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared the draft National Policy for Women and if so, the salient features thereof; and
(b) the present status of the policy along with the proposed timeline by which the policy is likely to be finalised and released?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry has prepared National Policy for Women (NPW) 2016 keeping in view the socio economic changes that have occurred since the last policy formulation in 2001. The discourse on women's empowerment has gradually evolved over the last few decades, from seeing women as mere recipients of welfare benefits to mainstreaming gender concerns and engaging them in the development process of the country.

Framing of Action Plans at the national, State and local level, strengthening gender institutional architecture, enacting new legislations and reviewing/harmonizing legislations, engaging with stakeholders for advocacy and awareness generation, strengthening institutionalization of gender budgeting and creating an effective gender based data base are the salient features of the National Policy for Women. The proposal is to be placed before the Group of Ministers.

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